

# Exchange council offers student travel discount

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A new service offered through the campus travel agency sells discounted international and domestic airline tickets to University students and faculty.

Valentine's Campus Travel Center last week received the contract for the Council on International Educational Exchange, which offers reduced air fares for seven airlines.

The travel center, located on the main floor of the EMU, also

## International flights going quickly

sells discounted tickets through the Student Travel Australia agency, which offers low fares on 27 airlines.

Although the travel center offers domestic flight tickets, which are tickets used to fly within the United States, more tickets are available on international flights, said Tim Carter, manager of Valentine's campus office.

Many of the discounted domestic fares do not benefit Ore-

gon students, Carter said, giving an example of a flight from San Francisco to New York.

Some airlines put age restrictions on the discounted tickets and some require that the student take at least eight credits a term, "but we can usually get around that," Carter said.

"Every airline has its own set of rules," he said.

Dan Valentine, owner of the two Valentine travel agencies, said about two months ago he

arranged a round-trip student ticket from Portland to Tel Aviv for \$750. The published fare was \$1,430.

A round-trip ticket from San Francisco to Rio de Janeiro with a one-month stay is \$920, without tax, for a student rate and \$1,481 for a published rate, Carter said Monday.

"Intra-European air fares are really cheap," Carter added.

A round-trip student ticket from London to Paris costs \$140 if purchased in the United States, but costs \$400 if purchased in Paris, he said.

In addition to checking CIEE and STA prices when booking flights for students and teachers, Carter said he also checks with commercial ticket agencies and wholesalers because sometimes the published air fares are cheaper than the student rates.

Ticket wholesalers, or consolidators, such as CIEE and STA, are able to offer cheaper tickets for students by contracting with airline companies.

The airlines sell a large number of seats at a discounted price to wholesalers, who guarantee the sale of the seats, said

Kathy Ryals, manager of Valentine's main office.

Buying a bulk amount of tickets at a discount enables the wholesaler to pass a portion of the discount to travel agents, who may pass part of the discount to the consumer, she said.

International students expecting to fly home after spring term and others who are planning to travel overseas should buy their tickets now, Carter said.

"One of the problems now is everyone wants to leave on the same time," he said.

No student discount tickets are available for June 14, Carter said, and student tickets for June 13 are selling quickly.

"We have literally been overwhelmed in the last two weeks with people traveling," he said.

However, coach and first-class tickets are available at published prices, he said.

Carter emphasized that air fares are guaranteed when tickets are purchased. "A lot of people don't understand that," he said.

Although seats may be reserved in advance, the price may change until the ticket is bought, he said.

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## No nukes battle rages as elections approach

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Activists on both sides of the Eugene nuclear free zone issue met Tuesday in the EMU Fir Room to debate their views on proposed city ballot measure 20-01.

The measure would amend the city charter to include a version of the nuclear free zone ordinance which is stronger than the one the city council adopted in 1988.

Ballot measure opponent and city council member Roger Rutan said the existing ordinance is sufficient and any more extreme laws would be detrimental to Eugene.

"The current ordinance that we have in place does prohibit the design, development, manufacture, production, testing, maintenance and storage of nuclear weapons components," Rutan said. "(If this amendment passes) you're going to send a very distinct anti-business message to businesses and industries that either want to locate here or those businesses that want to expand here. We've already seen one example of that in terms of Rohr Industries."

Rutan said the vague wording of the proposed amendment left uncertainty in the minds of businesses. They weren't sure how they would be affected if their products were eventually used in a weapons delivery system.

"This charter amendment sent a real clear message to Rohr Industries. And that is, if this is passed you can't be certain of how the public sector is going to react to your business and what you're selling ten years from now or two years from now," Rutan said. "And Rohr decided that uncertainty was far beyond what they would have to deal with anywhere else in the United States."

Steve Johnson, a member of the committee to keep Eugene Nuclear Free said the wording of measure 20-01 is modeled after the city's anti-drug-paraphernalia law.

The charter amendment says a nuclear weapons component consists of anything whose "primary intended purpose ... is to contribute to the operation of a nuclear weapon or a nuclear weapons system," Johnson said. "So paint and tires and things like that, unless their primary intended purpose is for nuclear weapons, would not be covered."

The proposed charter amendment closely resembles the original ordinance that local voters passed in 1986. That ordinance was revised by the city council after the city attorney advised them that it was unenforceable, unconstitutional and poorly written.

Members of the Committee to Keep Eugene Nuclear Free have said the existing ordinance is purely symbolic and is much weaker than the one voters had passed. Committee members have said the amendment is necessary because the city council would not be able to revise it without a vote of the people.

There will be another debate on the topic today at noon at the Hilton conference center.

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